

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
112843-039

In Re Application Of: Germond et al.



Serial No.
10/019,817

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Examiner
K. Kerr

Group Art Unit 1652

**INVENTION: THE LACTOSE OPERON OF LACTOBACILLUS DELBRUEKII AND ITS USE FOR CONTROLLING
GENE TRANSCRIPTION AND/OR EXPRESSION IN BACTERIAL CELLS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 11, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: December 11, 2003 *Date* until: March 11, 2004 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	17 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of **\$950.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of **\$950.00**
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**



Signature

Dated: **March 10, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 03-10-04 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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